

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Following the above amendments, claims 1-5, 8-13, 16, 17, 19-21 and 23-36 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 24 being in independent format.

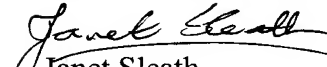
Claims 6, 7, 14, 15, 18 and 22 have been cancelled from the application, and claims 29-36 have been added. Claim 24 has been amended to independent format, and claim 28 has been amended to state that the operational information displayed by the console unit may include infusion rate and/or infusion volume. Support for this amendment may be found on page 8, lines 25-28, of the specification as originally filed. Newly added claims 29-32, which depend upon claim 24, are drawn to assemblies wherein the console unit is provided as a reusable component, comprises a control feature for selecting a level of aspiration and/or infusion, or is connectable to an infusion source. Support for these claims may be found, for example, at page 9, lines 13-14, page 11, lines 28-29, page 10, lines 25-29, and page 12, lines 4-5 of the specification as originally filed. Newly added claims 33-36, which depend upon claim 1, are drawn to catheter assemblies wherein the catheter system is connectable to an infusion source and wherein the assembly implements at least one automated operating condition based on at least one parameter input by an operator. Support for claims 33-36 may be found, for example, at page 4, lines 25-28, and page 8, line 31 – page 9, line 10, of the specification as originally filed.

It is submitted that all the above amendments are fully supported by the specification as originally filed and that one of the amendments constitute new matter. These amendments are not being submitted for reasons of patentability and therefore do not give rise to prosecution history estoppel.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Petition for Correction of Inventorship are submitted herewith. Early consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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